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MASERU FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN SWAZILAND

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE SOONEST IN FOLLOWING REMARKS FOR
AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN SWAZILAND.

WITH AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL, REMARKS ARE BASICALLY THOSE USED
IN MASERU.

WHILE GOS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT SCHEDULING CEREMONY PRIOR
TO JANUARY 20, OWING TO KING'S INVOLVEMENT IN RELIGIOUS
EVENTS THROUGH LATE JANUARY, KING'S PRIVATE
SECRETARY TOLD CHARGE MORNING JANUARY 13 THAT
HE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH KING AND PROVIDE DEFINITIVE
RESPONSE NEXT DAY. KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY SAID THAT,
IF KING AGREES TO MAKE EXCEPTIONAL GESTURE OF
RECEIVING AMBASSADOR IN THIS RELIGIOUS SEASON,
IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT HE
(KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY) RECEIVE CREDENTIALS
REMARKS IMMEDIATELY. HENCE, NEED FOR DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE
ASAP.

2. QUOTE YOUR MAJESTY: IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO

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PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
ACCREDITING ME AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND AND THE LETTERS OF RECALL OF MY
PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR DAVID B. BOLEN.

I BRING WITH MY MISSION THE MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS OF
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I BRING ALSO THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE TRADITIONALLY GOOD
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE BROADENED AND
STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS TO COME.

THE PAST YEAR WAS INDEED AN HISTORIC ONE WHICH SAW
AMERICA CELEBRATE ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE
AND SAW SWAZILAND ACHIEVE ITS EIGHTH YEAR OF
INDEPENDENCE. WE AMERICANS HAVE WATCHED THROUGH THE YEARS,
WITH DEEP RESPECT AND ADMIRATION, THE VALIANT EFFORTS
THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE TO DEVELOP
SWAZILAND AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF ALL
YOUR PEOPLE. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED
WITH THESE ENDEAVORS.

RECENT MONTHS HAVE WITNESSED INCREASING STRIFE AND DEMAND
FOR CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS HAS SERVED TO FOCUS
ATTENTION ON SWAZILAND'S LONG AND COMMENDABLE DEVOTION
TO THE HIGH PRINCIPLES OF PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.
ON THIS OCCASION I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM MY GOVERNMENT'S
COMMITMENT TO SEARCH, TOGETHER WITH CONCERNED AFRICAN
LEADERS, FOR AN EQUITABLE AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEMS THAT BESET THIS IMPORTANT REGION OF THE WORLD.
DURING MY MISSION HERE IT IS MY DESIRE, IN THE SPIRIT
OF FREE AND OPEN EXCHANGE, TO ELICIT THE THOUGHTS AND
FEELINGS OF YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ON THESE AND OTHER
ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

IN CLOSING, YOUR MAJESTY, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE
CORDIAL WELCOME YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY EXTENDED
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ME. I AM NEW TO SWAZILAND AND HAVE MUCH TO LEARN.
I AM LOOKING FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION TO GAINING
FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PHYSICAL, HISTORICAL,
AND SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND
ITS PROUD PEOPLE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE FUTURE WILL
SEE THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES GROW EVEN STRONGER. UNQUOTE

3. FOR MASERU: TIMING DEVELOPMENTS IN PARA 1 ABOVE SUPERSEDE THE
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